

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8302

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 6058

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT EG

SUBJ: ILLNESS OF MIN WAR

1. PRESS BLACKOUT ON ILLNESS OF DEP PM AND MIN OF WAR AHAMD ISMA'IL  
WAS BROKEN BY ALI AMIN ON AUGUST 10. IN WEEKLY COLUMN, ALI SAYS  
MINISTER IS IN LONDON HOSPITAL FOR SURGERY AND WILL RETURN TO  
CAIRO IN A FEW DAYS. HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR PAST THREE WEEKS  
OR MORE.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MARSHAL ISMA'IL WENT TO LONDON  
IN MID-JULY FOR MAJOR SURGERY. UK EMB CONFIRMS REPORT WE HAVE  
HEARD THAT HE HAS "TERMINAL CANCER". SUCCESSION PROBLEM WILL  
OBVIOUSLY ARISE, WITH CHIEF OF STAFF GAMASY AND AIR DEFENSE  
COMMANDER MUHAMMAD ALI FAHIM FRONT RUNNERS TO TAKE OVER  
MINISTRY OF WAR.

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